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arrived to the hotel where I was joined by Janan at 4:00 PM. Together we journeyed until we came to bairicades beyond which dwelt the notorious, the dangerous Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, El Haj Amin El Huseini (address: Selim El Aival St. Helwan El Zaitoun, Cairo). We were ushered behind a guarded gate into a barren, unyielding bairicade where we met our former Palestinian acquaintance, the Secretary General of the Arab Higher Committee - Raif A Shami. He recalled my visit to Jerusalem in 1945 and expressed the hope that I would see the members of the Committee in Beir 'Ibrahim. He is living there and will render all possible assistance.

The Grand Staff of a small town in the west, we passed thru. on the 4th. I
profess myself to be a very willing listener, though a middle aged
gentleman with evening tail, fair complexion bearded by age, ready bed
lighting over a dressoir in a look-like part of finest quality.

the next time I had in the S. with a neighbor who
had the same family, very much the same, this
together with a face like an aged man, but not so
old as I had expected to encounter on seeing the child.

"Walking slowly, he led us into his study-room, entered Turkey-style (he drank his bitter) and began to talk slowly and seemingly, with care. I found myself with my eyes glued to his nose, thinking over and over, 'Can this gentle religious be the terrible Mitti?' Of course, the Palestinian Christians have always contended that he was not. He is only a nation in and always a friend of minorities. But the overwhelming testimony of the people I trust now, in the East is that here is a bad man. As the hour and a half passed on I became more and more aware of an air of intrigue behind his gentle old man's smile and soft words. Truly he's a character never to be forgotten."

"The marks the Jews must be driven out. The Moslems must stay in Palestine until that day. In this is then the 'covenant' of Palestine 's to 'expel the day of Arab & cover Palestine. This must remain a curse on the body politic of the World. 'Arabs' will do what no other nations can do. Palestine to be a curse. Moreover, it will be hard to live and to buy the whole cause is more important than individual suffering. (Now living more comfortably!) All of this is a pretty grim one, but from the Master's lips, spoken softly and like a state, it seemed a holy cause. The man had a magnetic effect on his listeners, so much so that even as I still wonder is he good or bad? Was Richter like this?"

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